(b) whether more such issues would be taken up on DD; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan telecasts spots on population issues three to four times a day regularly on it National and Regional Networks. Major compaigns on Pulse-Polio, Female Foeticide, Malaria eradication, Iodine deficiency etc. are being telecast regularly on National and Regional Network of Doordarshan. Doordarshan has launched special compaigns for the World Population Day, HIV/AIDS and programmes on rural development schemes. Programmes on social issues in other genres such as Environment, Social Rights, Women's empowerment, Adult education, Poverty alleviation etc. are also telecast.

Concessions to foreign investors in print media

†524. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apprehensions of a big threat are being expressed following the provision of concessions to foreign investors in print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that concessions of this nature would not only affect the Indian economy but also increase the menace of cultural invasion;

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating to fix any norms for them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (e) No, Sir. The Government has only taken a decision to allow FDI upto 26% in Indian entities publishing newspapers and periodicals dealing in news and current affairs, on a case by case basis subject to suitable safeguards like verification of antecedents

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of foreign investor, keeping editorial and management control in the hands of resident Indians and ensuring against dispersal of Indian equity, with a view to allow greater investment in the print media sector as is available in the other segments of the media. It has also been decided to allow Indian editions of foreign scientific, technical and speciality magazines/ periodicals/journals and to allow foreign investment upto 74 per cent in Indian entities publishing scientific, technical and speciality magazines/ periodicals/journals, on a case by case basis after due deliberations and addressing all concerns.

Akashvani Centre at District Headquarters of Rajgadh (M.P.)

525. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to setting-up of Akashvani Centre at District Headquarters of Rajgadh (M.P.) has been completed.

(b) the reasons for delay in commissioning the Centre and by when the centre is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) the details of the employees working there?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Akashvani Centre at District Headquarters of Rajgadh (M.P.) is ready.

(b) The station will be commissioned after sanction of staff for Operations and Maintenance.

(c) No staff has been posted so far for running the station.

Installation of TV towers in Chhattishgarh

†526. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various areas of Chhattisgarh are deprived of Doordarshan Programmes;

(b) whether any proposal to install TV towers in these areas is under consideration; and

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